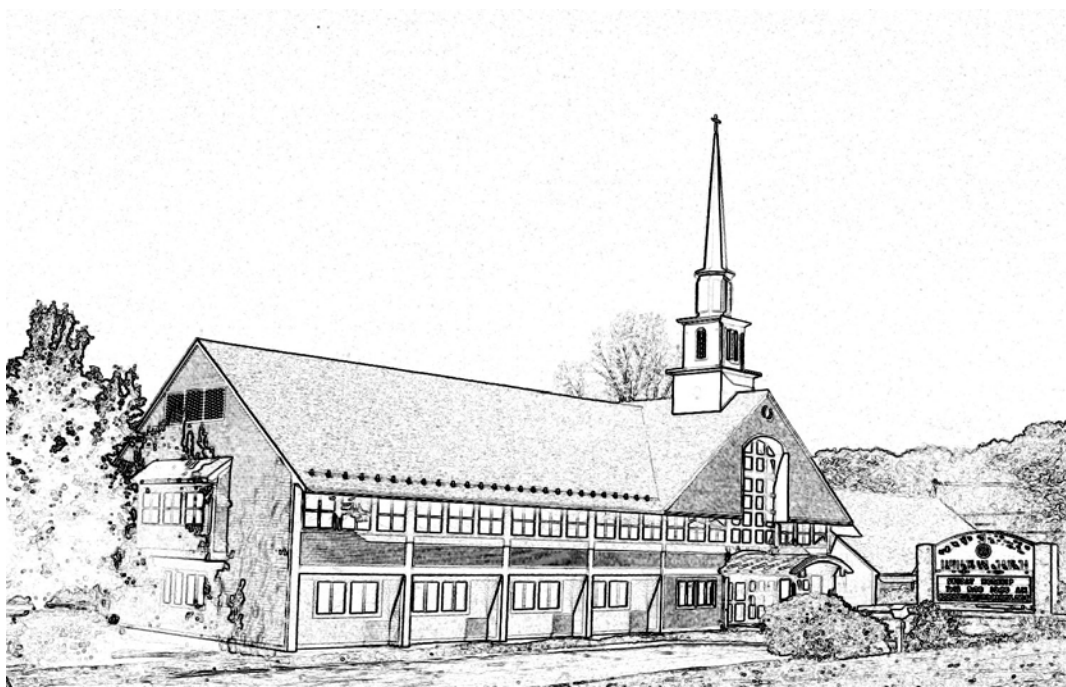


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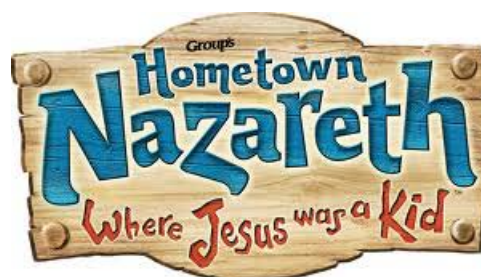
Our Mission:
We are growing, nurturing, making disciples in Christ.



JULY/AUGUST 2011

2011 Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Evangelical Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Saint Luke's Roman Catholic Church



Hometown Nazareth

Where Jesus Grew Up

August 15 through August 19, 2011

PASTORAL CARE NOTICE

Pastor Jeff will be away on the following dates for

Camp Calumet July 3rd – July 9th

(Pastor Jeff will preach 7/3)

July 3rd – 9th, please contact

Pastor Bean 508-943-2762

for all Pastoral Care issues.

Vacation July 18th – July 28th

July 18th – 28th, please contact

Pastor Keene 617-721-2002.

for all Pastoral Care issues.

SEPTEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE

Wednesday, August 3rd

Please email your articles to Caryn Francese in the office at secretary@gs-lc.org.

Just a reminder to those of you leaving for college in the fall and those moving away after graduating from college, if you would like to receive the messenger via email or snail mail, please send your email and snail mail address to the office at secretary@gs-lc.org so we can keep in touch. Also, be sure to let us know when you will be home on vacation and if you would like to serve in worship. To those of you, who are moving away after college, if you choose a new place to worship, let the office know and we will transfer you to your new church.



REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

will resume on September 11th

7:45 am..... Traditional Service

9:00 am..... Traditional Service w/Choir

10:45 am..... Contemporary Service

As summer begins and vacations take you away from Good Shepherd; please consider signing up for **Simply Giving™** before you go so that Good Shepherd can count on your contribution even while you are away. For more information see David McCordick before or after service, or drop him an email at david@mccordick.net. Thank you!



JULY 3rd Sunday Services

There will be two summer services on July 3rd at 8³⁰ and 10¹⁵ outdoors – weather permitting – bring a blanket or a camp chair

LEARNING @ Good Shepherd wishes for . . .

- ★ SPLASH! Cradle Roll Packs - \$20 each
- ★ CD players for Sunday School Classrooms



ARTS @ Good Shepherd wishes for . . .

- ★ Wireless vocal microphones
- ★ Wireless Audio Hook-up
- ★ Concert Piano for Church
- ★ New Laptop

TAGS @ Good Shepherd wishes for . . .

- ★ Large LCD TV

Office @ Good Shepherd wishes for . . .

- ★ Commercial Refrigerator & Dishwasher for kitchen
- ★ Air conditioning for Nave
- ★ Speakers for Fellowship Hall to hook up to sound system and microphones.
- ★ New Industrial Vacuum Cleaner

Parish Nurse @ Good Shepherd wishes for . . .

- ★ Mannequins for CPR training
- ★ BP Cuffs

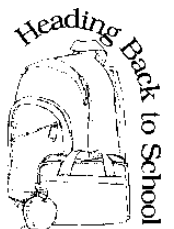
Church Council @ Good Shepherd wishes for . . .

- ★ Laptop for Church Treasurer

Altar Guild @ Good Shepherd wishes for . . .

- ★ 2 Torches for either side of the pulpit
- ★ Altar Linens
- ★ Paraments - Pentecost and other sets
- ★ Lectern banners
- ★ Seasonal and Special Occasion Banners
- ★ To have the existing Silver Altar Set re-silvered (4 pieces)

The Blessing of the Backpacks is just around the corner on **August 28th** during both worship services. Students & Teachers are encouraged to bring their new backpacks, supplies and/or books to church for our annual pre-school blessing.



Blood Pressure Screening – 2011

Stop by the Parish Nurse office anytime between services (10 & 10³⁰ am) to have your blood pressure checked. Dates for 2011 are as follows: September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18



Dear Partners in Ministry:

In the Gospel reading for Sunday June 26th, we heard Jesus say these words to his disciples:

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me” (Matthew 10:40).

What are the times that you have felt welcomed in, invited forward, brought in so that you immediately felt like part of the rest of a group? Perhaps it was a gracious host at a dinner that made you feel right at home. Perhaps it was a teacher that you connected with in school. Now, have you ever felt that way when you walk in to a church?

If you look ahead a page or two, you will find a post to our Church Staff blog (<http://goodshepherdcares.org/blog/about-us/shepherds-staff-blog/>) by Pastor Baines. She is currently on her sabbatical, and visited an Episcopal church in Georgia in early June. She writes of how she was welcomed from the moment she sat down to the moment she left by a large number of people, even though it was a small congregation.

Good Shepherd is known as a friendly, welcoming congregation – but this does not happen automatically. It takes hard work to keep that spirit of welcome alive! Sometimes churches can become places that are not welcoming to visitors. It is human nature to connect with the people we already know, to search for the faces we are familiar with and gravitate towards them. It helps us to feel like we belong.

Yet if we do that every Sunday we come to church, newcomers will feel as if they are outsiders. They will not experience the welcome that Jesus gives to all people.

Keeping Good Shepherd a friendly and welcoming place requires us to examine ourselves – when was the last time I talked with someone at church I didn't know? When was the last time I looked around the edges of the fellowship hall, trying to find the people that didn't have anyone to talk to? Even where we sit for worship can make a difference. Sitting in the middle of a pew invites others to come and sit next to you, while sitting on the end sends the message that others should find a different place to sit.

Remembering Jesus' words to his disciples, we know that when we welcome others, we welcome Christ himself. We welcome others not to gain favor with God, but because we have been outsiders too, because we have stood on the outside hoping someone would say hello!

It is Jesus who knows our every experience, who knows all our broken places, and who has chosen to bind and heal them. It is Jesus who welcomes us when we feel like we have been cast off. And it is the Holy Spirit working through us when we become that gracious host who makes everyone feel right at home in God's house. May we seek to welcome all who enter Good Shepherd's doors with the extravagant welcome of love we have received from Christ Jesus.

In Christ, Pastor Jeff

Many Hands make light work . . .

We are looking for volunteers to work in the office throughout the summer as they are able. Any time you



Are You Able?

are able to give to the office helps make our entire congregation, the programs we offer, and the outreach we do run that much more efficiently. Call, email, or stop by anytime and let us know if you want to be a regular volunteer or want to be on our special project call list. In addition, my vacation this summer will be August 15-19 and we are in need of volunteers to be in from 9 – 4 each day to help out in the office answering telephones, copying, etc. Please let me know at office@gs-lc.org if you would like to come in for a full day or a few hours. **Time sharing is encouraged so if you are only able to give a few hours, let the office know and we will schedule you in!**

Monday, August 15th 9 am to 4 pm
Tuesday, August 16th 9 am to 4 pm
Wednesday, August 17th 9 am to 4 pm
Thursday, August 18th 9 am to 4 pm
Friday, August 19th 9 am to 4 pm
Please call the office to schedule some time.

Thanks, Caryn

Worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Time after Pentecost

Sunday, July 3rd – Pentecost 3



8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Outdoors with Holy Communion – Bring a camp chair or a blanket and join us outdoors by the tree for a more informal worship!

Readings: Proverbs 3:13-18; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 10th – Pentecost 4

8:30 AM Traditional & 10:15 AM Contemporary

both with Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Sunday, July 17th – Pentecost 5



8:30 AM Traditional & 10:15 AM Contemporary

both with Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 24th – Pentecost 6

8:30 AM Traditional & 10:15 AM Contemporary

Service of the Word – Join us to hear

Good Shepherd member Jochen Salfeld preach!

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Sunday, July 31st – Pentecost 7



8:30 AM Traditional & 10:15 AM Contemporary

both with Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 7th – Pentecost 8

8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Outdoors with Holy Communion – Bring a camp chair or a blanket and join us outdoors by the tree for a more informal worship!

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33



Sunday, August 14th – Pentecost 9



8:30 AM Traditional & 10:15 AM Contemporary

both with Holy Communion

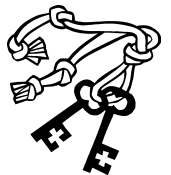
Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Sunday, August 21st – Pentecost 10

8:30 AM Traditional & 10:15 AM Contemporary

TAGS present their Mission Trip experience – both with Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20



Sunday, August 28th – Blessing of the Backpacks – Pentecost 11



8:30 AM Traditional & 10:15 AM Contemporary

both with Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

And You Thought There Was No Homework In The Summer!!

The Visioning Committee would like to make an assignment to the congregation over the summer. As you travel around on vacation, find a church to attend. It doesn't have to be Lutheran. While you are there:

- Watch for things you really like.
- Pay attention to how you are greeted.
- Look at bulletin boards and posters to see what kind of ministry is happening.
- Look for fun and interesting worship ideas.

Then, bring back a bulletin, a newsletter, or other flier or brochure to share with the committee. Let us know about the good ideas. We will put up a big map and put a pin in each location that someone visits. We will be anxious to hear your experience and collect good ideas!

Summer Visiting

By Pastor Baines, on June 7th, 2011

Visiting other congregations while we are away from home can be a really neat experience. There are no Lutheran congregations within 50 miles of where we are. So, last Sunday, we found a small Episcopal church. It was a wonderful experience. Barry and I went in and sat down. The man in front of us turned around to welcome us. He told us what to expect in the service. He explained that everything was in the bulletin so that we would not have to worry about finding our way through the service book and the hymnal. He told us a little about the congregation and his own particular ministry there. By the time worship began, we felt like we had made a friend and were right at home. There were only about 50 people there. The service was well done and not rushed. There have an Interim priest. It was only his second Sunday with them. After the service, we were greeted by more people. It took us over half an hour to get out the door. I learned about their prayer shawl ministry and their Parish Nurse. They are very low on prayer shawls. So, I am working on one for them. All in all, it was a wonderful experience. Barry and I will go back there again.

The welcome we received made all the difference.

The People at King of Peace proclaimed God's love very effectively by the way we were received. I hope you will find a congregation to visit while you are on vacation this summer. The experience will help you look at how we are doing at Good Shepherd. I hope our visitors leave as excited about us as Barry and I were about King of Peace.

Prayer

Many of you are aware that we have a Prayer Circle at Good Shepherd (prayercircle@gsg-lc.org). We have also recently had a Prayer Vigil. Our "Friday Group"

has been reading Catherine Marshall's book, The Helper which has 2 chapters on prayer. I would like to share a little from her book. We feel we have been growing in our understanding of prayer and have been awed by the privilege we have been given. *The Spirit himself intercedes for us....according to the will of God. Romans 8:26, 27, RSV*

May the... Father grant you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation... illuminating the eyes of your heart so that you can understand the hope to which He calls us, the wealth of his glorious heritage in the saints... Ephesians 1:18, 19, Moffatt

Catherine Marshall states that "so set is our flesh against praying at all that the Helper's first task is to create in us the basic desire to pray". She then proceeds to outline the many ways in which the Holy Spirit opens up our prayer life. "Can an omnipotent God, knowing our needs supply them without our prayers? Of course, but that is not His plan for his children on earth. Instead, He has dared to arrange it so that He is actually dependent upon us in the sense of our prayers being necessary and all-important to the carrying out of His will on earth."

Catherine Marshall in her second chapter on prayer reminds us "how rich is the glorious inheritance our Father has bequeathed and stored up for us". God has blessed us already; the riches have already been deposited to our account and are waiting for us. "Since the answer has already been stored up for us our prayer petition rather needs to be for revelation..... when the Holy Spirit lays a concern on our hearts, our part is to ask Him to open our spiritual eyes and give us the revelation needed."

Closing Prayer: Lord, I have come to You as a beggar believing myself poverty-stricken, lacking, when the fact is I am a child of the King, heir to all your riches --- including every insight and revelation I need for each prayer request. How foolish I must seem to You, Lord! And how my spiritual poverty complex must grieve You. I want so much to sit at the Helper's feet in the School of Prayer and be taught by Him. Show me now to apply these glorious truths in my own life. And make me a good pupil! In Thy name. Amen.

The Helper, by Catherine Marshall. Pages 140-150.

Come enjoy Friday morning with us if you are able. Please e-mail or call me if you would like to be a Prayer Warrior.

Joan Olson

School of Lay Ministry - Interested in learning more about the teachings and life of the Lutheran Church? Want to gain new skills for serving your congregation? Consider enrolling in the New England Synod's new School of Lay Ministry. The School of Lay Ministry is designed to educate and equip lay people for

enhanced participation in congregational and synodical life through personal spiritual development, biblical enhancement, and life-long learning.

The School is a two year program. The 2011-12 academic year will begin with a mandatory retreat weekend Oct. 28 - 30, 2011, at Calumet Lutheran Camp. For a brochure and application, click below, call the Office of the Bishop at (508) 791-1530 x106, or email office@nesynod.org.

Applications are due by August 15, 2011.

Already signed up for the 2011-12 year from Good Shepherd are:

Yvonne & Dick Topping

Synod's School of Lay Ministry prepares baptized for service in their home congregations, community

The School of Lay Ministry of the New England Synod will graduate its third class Saturday, June 4, at the synod assembly.

For one member of that class, Eric Lane, the best thing about the school has been the people he's met, especially his classmates and instructors. "I've felt a deeper connection to the church and the individuals in it," said Lane, "because of the experiences I've had at the School of Lay Ministry, not to mention a deeper understanding of the Bible."

Begun in 2007, this educational opportunity for adults embodies the belief in the ministry of all the baptized – that as baptized Christians and members of the Body of Christ, we all have been given gifts to share for the edification of the church. The innovative two-year commitment gives adult learners the opportunity to grow in their faith, enrich their understanding of the bible and Lutheran history and theology, and discern the gifts which they can use for ministry and leadership in their own congregation and their community.

Lane, 37, an elementary school librarian and teacher from Stamford, Conn., left the church in college, even though he majored in religion. "Well, I accidentally studied for the religion major," explained Lane. "One day, I looked at my courses and realized I was just three classes away from having religion as a double major – my other major was in communications – so I went ahead with it."

When he moved back home, "I continued not going to church, although thoughts of God never left my mind." It wasn't until he moved out of his parent's basement and to Stamford that he started to reconnect with the church. "I found St. John's Lutheran Church, and it immediately felt like going home." Lane's now on the executive council.

Lane found out about the synod's School of Lay Ministry when Bishop Margaret G. Payne spoke to the

adult forum one Sunday at St. John's. "I had always wanted to continue my religious studies, but put it off for ... well, let's just say, for whatever excuse I could find. When Bishop Payne mentioned the school, it was like a shot. I knew there was no choice and I had to do it.

"I'm already wondering what I'm going to do next now that this chapter has come to a close," he said.

Stewardship God freely gives all of His wonderful creation for all of us to use and enjoy all year. Summertime in New England brings extra opportunities for us to appreciate the warmth of the sun, the coolness of a breeze, the bright sparkling of the stars, the rustling of leaves in the trees, the softness of the grass beneath bare feet, the beauty of flowers in the yard & even the taste of fresh vegetables from the garden. The weather this time of year also provides extra opportunities to interact with others, so there are more chances for acts of kindness, for showing love and concern, and for serving.

This summer we want to encourage everyone "to go where love leads; to serve where love calls" according to the phrase introduced at Synod Assembly earlier this month. This is a time for paying close attention to the fact that EVERY good and perfect gift is from our God, freely given out of love and without cost. Our God is crazy about us. He sends us flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever we want to talk, He will listen.

As we each go about the business of regular daily living this summer, let us do our very best to care for and care about everything in all creation – most especially our fellow human sisters and brothers. Let us be constantly in prayer so that we might love and serve in a way that comes ever closer to the way Jesus showed us.

Please remember to pay close attention to church services you might attend in your summer travels. We want to learn from others so that we can continually grow in the way we serve and share God's love. We want to thank each of you for the gifts of time, talent and treasure you remember to give over the summer. These are the things that help make all of our ministries possible. This is the way our love becomes visible in the world.

Help us, Lord, "to go where love leads; to serve where love calls" as we use the gifts you give us this summer....for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever! Amen.

Respectfully submitted by Verle Zuehl for the Stewardship Committee

Youth Ministry News

**Announcing: 5th-12th graders
Campfire Night
Aug. 25th, 7:00-9:00 PM**



All youth 5th-12th grade are invited to a campfire on Thursday night August 25th, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Parents are welcome to stay, and we'll have s'mores and campsongs around the fire! Meet us at the Ahrabinejad's, 2 Scott Lane in Northborough!

Teens At Good Shepherd



*Together Always
Growing Spiritually*

In July and August, our teens will have returned from the mission trip to Philadelphia. We will present our experiences there in worship on Sunday August 21st. After that, we turn to the fall and look forward to the weekend campout at Hammonasset on September 9-11.

CALENDAR DATES

Sun. August 21st – TAGS present their mission trip experiences in worship at both 8:30 and 10:15.

Sign-up anytime to go to Hammonasset. Pastor Jeff will be contacting families in mid-July to get an initial count of people who would like to go!

SAVE THE DATES

Next year, in July of 2012, our TAGS group will be going on a big trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans!



With a big trip like this, we will need lots of work and fundraising and coordination to make it happen. So, in September 2011, we will be asking people to decide whether they will be going on the trip.

For next year's 9th – 12th graders, please start to think about this now! And save the dates:

ELCA National Youth Gathering

New Orleans

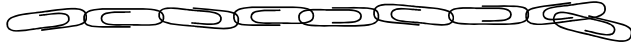
July 18th–22nd, 2012.

If you know you want to go, feel free to sign up early by emailing or talking to Pastor Jeff!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLIPS



91 children participated in Sunday School's Closing



Service on June 12th. It is always such a joy to witness such enthusiasm and energy. In both word and music, praises were sung to the Lord.

Bibles were presented to 13 second graders and 3 older students:

Jack Cooper	Harrison Gehlbach
Matthew Kasprzak	Amanda Kimball
Aaron Lowy	Kevin McCarthy
Matthew Messick	Camden Neddo
Hannah Parath	Aili Schiavoni
Carlin Schoenfish	Julia Sulmasy
Ashley Thombs	Andrew Messick
Jacob Scotti	David Ramirez-Granick

106 students received their attendance pins for having 80% or better attendance this year or for reaching a total of 27 Sundays.

Special congratulations go out to:

Anne Arnold	Calleigh Herren
Luke Herren	Aaron Lowy
Dylan Lowy	Andrew Petry

who had the best attendance with 36 Sundays.

20 children had perfect attendance for May and June:

Anne Arnold * Camille and JJ Bianchi * Jack Cooper * Calleigh Herren * Mia Kelley-Lanser * Sam Lehman * Aaron and Dylan Lowy * Ethan McRae * Hannah Moran * Logan Neddo * Andrew Petry * Merin and Neil Rhodes * McKenna and Zach Savage * Adam, Danielle and Nathan Spadafora

Anyone not in church on the 12th should stop by the Christian Ed Office to pick up pins, Bibles and/or birthday cards.

CALUMET UPDATE

Catherine Rhodes and Jennifer Wig presented 25



Good Shepherd youth with \$100 Camperships to attend Camp Calumet this summer.

Campers enjoy getting mail after lunch each day. In order to receive it before they come home, mail should be sent no later than Tuesday. Please help us surprise them with a note or card. Here's when they're going:

7/3-7/9	Julia Bigwood & Pastor Jeff
7/3-7/16	Emily Bigwood
7/10-7/16	Elise Ribaud & Kyle Wanda
7/17-7/23	Andrew Petry
7/17-7/30	Kyra & Ryan Chevalier Matthew Wolf
7/24-7/30	Ryan & Connor McCordick
7/31-8/6	Ashley Thombs
7/31-8/13	Nicole & Rachel English Megan & Elizabeth Wig
8/7-8/13	Dominic Hanna, Sam Lehman, Ethan McRae, Justin Rea & Nathan VonDerVellen Lucas & Sophia McFetridge
8/21-27	Francesca Bianchi
TBD	Kylie & Josh Steinbrecher Kurtis Sciba

All Summer

Corrine Ahrabi-Nejad, KT Rich

7/12-25	Laura Chevalier, Nurse Nancy Ahrabi-Nejad & Jennifer Wig (and Will too), Registration Office:
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** Counselors and Adults like to get mail too! **

Calumet PO Box 236 West Ossipee, NH 03890

Our Summer Reading Book Sale will continue through the summer. If you took a book and finished it, consider bringing it back for someone else to enjoy and pick up another one. All proceeds go to our Campership Fund which continues to fund the above camperships, reduce the cost of the Congregational Retreat September 23-25 and send our 9th Grade TAGS newbies to Hammonasset in September.

THANK YOU TO OUR LEARNING VOLUNTEERS for 2010-11

Special Helpers Nancy Cooper Kim Rae
Marilyn Reiman Susan Steinbrecher

1st year pin John Arnold Abby & Kevin Cross
Sean Keogh Joan Olson Dave & Julie Schwingbeck
Bess Sproul Sheila Taylor Bethany Walker
Jenny West Timothy Wig

2nd year wreath Emily Arnold Mark Booher
Chris Braden Caryn Francese Al Graefing
Scott Lehman A.J.Martin Arthur Matson Pastor
Jeff Shari Spadafora Yvonne Topping

3rd year bar Beth Adduci Corrine Ahrabi-Nejad
Emily Bigwood Theresa Cote Jennifer Lentz
Kristin McFetridge Traci Parath Jennifer Wig

4th year bar Pastor Baines Jess Harvell Ned Rich
Paula Mathieu Dara Ricci Benet and Patti Bianchi

5th year bar Lorrie Gehlbach Andrea Lowy
Nicole Harvell

6th year bar Paula Sulmasy Maura White

7th year bar Joan Arnold Debra Casey Celeste Laak

8th year bar Audrea Lehman

9th year bar Claire Paquette

10th year bar Jocelyn Ehrhardt Michelle Neddo

11th year bar Shawn Gillespie

12th year bar Shannon May Sarah McRae

13th year bar Jochen Salfeld

14th year bar Bruce Grams Deborah Harvell

16th year bar Barbara Shumaker

18th year bar Linda Petry
20th year bar Celeste Rich
22nd year bar Suzanne Gillam

Staffing Learning Programs 2011-12

Please consider signing up to help out as a Learning
Volunteer next year.

Positions Goal Have Need as of June 16th

Superintendent	1	1	0
Treasurer	1	1	0
Secretaries	2	0	2
SS Teachers	26	8	18
Assistants	16	2	14
Subs	6	0	6
Special Vols	3	0	3
Music	8	2	6
Nursery	1	1	0
MidWeek	5	3	2
Confirmation	10	6	4
TAGS	6	4	2
Adults	12	3	9

TOTALS 97 31 66 31.95%

Please help our numbers continue to grow!

Re. Needed Sunday School Teachers: Our structure is such that teachers are paired in teams and they determine their own teaching schedule for the year. You can team teach together or share the load based on your availability. Interested? Please talk to any teacher and/or contact Celeste Rich or Suzanne Gillam ASAP. We're extremely flexible.



2011 ATTENDANCE PIN RECIPIENTS FIRST YEAR PINS

Allison Cross	Zoe Evans	Jayne Hershberger
Scarlett Lagerholm	Mikayla LaFleur	Enzo Micucci
Marco Micucci	Neil Rhodes	McKenna Savage
Ellie Thomas	Luke Thomas	Matthew Thomas
Mia Thombs		Caitlin Walker

SECOND YEAR WREATHS

Aiden Anderson	Camille Bianchi	Griffin Cooper
Jonathan Kimball	Merin Rhodes	Isabel Stuehmer
Abbey Kelley-Lanser	Dylan Lowy	Mia Kelley-Lanser

3rd YEAR BARS

Reagan Casey	Tyler Cohlhepp	Elizabeth Cross
Dominic Hanna	Michael Hanna	Calleigh Herren
Luke Herren	Matthew Keogh	Maddox Neddo
Adam Spadafora		Danielle Spadafora
Nathan Spadafora		Marissa Walsh

4th YEAR BARS

Max Anzede	Sam Anzede	Julian Bianchi
Jack Cooper	Julia DeMattia	Michaela Frederico
Harrison Gehlbach	Cora Matthews	Caitlin McCarthy
Kevin McCarty	Lucas McFetridge	Sophia McFetridge
Finn Miller	Jarrett Rehnein	Carlin Schoenfish Carlyn
Schwingbeck Lily Stuehmer		Megan Tucker
Celia Walker		William Wig

5th YEAR BARS

Francesca Bianchi	Aaron Lowy	Camden Neddo
Carter Rehbein	Grace Taylor	Ashley Thombs
Emily Walz		Hannah Walz

6th YEAR BARS

Megan Casey	Ethan Decatur	Rachel Lehman
Evan Ribaldo	Julia Ricci	Chris Todd
Kevin Tucker	Rebecca Walsh	Thomas Wanda

7th YEAR BARS

Johanna Casey	Kyra and Ryan Chevalier	Erika Lentz
Logan Neddo	Kylie Steinbrecher	Zachary Wezniak

8th YEAR BARS

Anne Arnold	Ryan Bowman	Nicole English
Mary Kate Lehman	Gavin McRae	Megan Wig

9th YEAR BARS

Nathan Adduci	Colleen Kasprzak	Hannah Laak
Connor McCordick	Ryan McCordick	Matthew Petry
Benjamin Salfeld	Melissa Sullivan	Lisa Sulmasy
Joshua Steinbrecher	Thomas VonDerVellen	Kyle Wanda

10th YEAR BARS

Rachel English	Tyler Girouard
Sam Lehman	Ethan McRae

11th YEAR BARS

Annalise Lowy	Hannah Moran
Andrew Petry	Sara Travis
Nathan VonDerVellen	Elizabeth Wig





VBS 2011 will be held at St. Luke's and the Congregational Church August 15-19. Space is limited, so please register ASAP.

Walk-ins will not be admitted due to having to preorder a wide variety of necessary supplies. Forms are available on the Learning Bulletin Board at church, in either of the last two Messengers or online at www.gs-lc.org.

Still need group guides and assistants and site leaders and various site assistants.

SUMMER CHURCH CLUB

Children of all ages who attend church this summer are invited to participate in Good Shepherd's seventh annual **Summer Church Club**. Just fill out a registration card in the Narthex and leave it in the box.



Each Sunday do one of the following 4 things:

- a) Complete the Children's Bulletin
- b) Color the weekly coloring page
- c) Solve the weekly clipboard puzzler **or**
- d) Fill out an attendance card.

Be sure to put your name on the finished paper and leave it in the tray. Each week your card will be 'punched' and you'll earn a Christian Coin to start Sunday School with on Sept. 12th.

It's never too late to sign-up!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CANDIDS – Thanks to Marilyn Reiman! Checkout Good Shepherd's Facebook page for Alex Albers' pictures.



Hip, Hip Hurray! Summer vacation is here at last! Have a happy and safe one, everybody. But remember . . . *Sundays at Good Shepherd are even better than at Dairy Queen!*

Thank you to all our
Hop-N-Ing Hoppers
we added \$49.19 to
our World Hunger Barnyards which totaled
\$940.88 for the Sunday School Year !

Mark Your Calendars for September '11
August 28th Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday School Registration
Sunday School Parent Orientation
September 4th SS Registration
September 11th . . . RALLY DAY
1st Day of Sunday School and Annual Picnic
September 14th Midweek and
Confirmation Classes begin



LEARNING AWARDS

Special Congratulations to the following:

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
MIDWEEK SCHOOL

Jonathan Kimball
Joshua Steinbrecher



TWO YEARS
PERFECT ATTENDANCE
MIDWEEK SCHOOL

Connor McCordick
Ryan McCordick

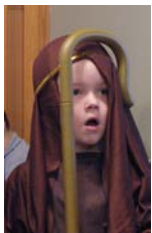


PERFECT
ATTENDANCE
CONFIRMATION
CLASS
Annalise Lowy
Andrew Petry
Molly Travis



**BEST
SUNDAY SCHOOL
PUZZLERS TO DATE**

Aiden Anderson
Allison Cross
Dylan Lowy



2011 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PARTICIPATION AWARD

D. Samuel Lehman
Nathan Von Der Vellen
Elizabeth Wig



Sam Elizabeth Nathan

In preparing for Children's Sunday, the Learning Committee noticed that 3 of our 11 Confirmands had participated fully in all of our Christian Education Programs. We decided to create

The Christian Education Participation Award

based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Two years of Confirmation Class Study
Met by all 11 Confirmands
- ❖ Two years of MidWeek School
Met by 7 Confirmands
- ❖ Participation in Sunday School thru Gr8
Met by 4 Confirmands

Sam, Elizabeth and Nathan met all three criteria. **Congratulations!** Can you pick them out receiving their Bibles as 2nd Graders?



A pastoral letter from ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

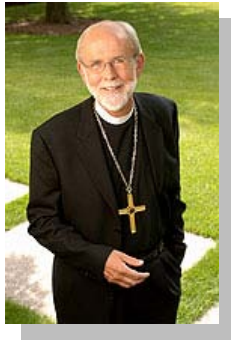
June 2, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Our hearts have been breaking for weeks as we have watched incessant storms devastate many parts of the United States. From the plains of North Dakota to the bayous of Louisiana, floodwaters and torrential rain have washed out communities and cropland. Destructive tornado strikes leveled homes for miles in cities and towns including Joplin, Mo., and Cullman, Ala. Two ELCA church buildings -- one in each state -- were destroyed. The winds destroyed the building of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, but not the faith of its members. Last Sunday they gathered in the parking lot in the midst of debris and shattered hopes to worship in the strong name of the risen Christ.

In the aftermath of storms that seem relentless, we may feel overwhelmed and anxious, but not powerless. For God's promise is clear: nothing in all creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's promise and the power of the Holy Spirit, we respond by joining together in God's work of restoring community. The liberating power of the gospel frees us to repair roofs in Cullman and fill sandbags in Fargo, on behalf of people we don't know and may never meet.

These are our commitments as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

- **We will pray.** Pray with me that those affected may have the strength and courage they need to face these difficult days.
- **We will stand together,** roll up our sleeves and work with partners to rebuild lives and restore hope. In Alabama, we are already at work with the Mennonites and the Christian Reformed Church in a rapid rebuilding project. Elsewhere, partnerships are unfolding with the United Methodist Church and others to coordinate volunteers to repair and rebuild homes and lives in the months and years to come. Working together we can achieve more on a scale and scope than we could ever achieve alone.
- **We will give generously.** We are already organizing volunteer opportunities in response to the unmet needs of these communities. To support our efforts, please give now to [ELCA Disaster Response](#). Your gift designated to Severe Spring Storms will be used in full -



- 100 percent -- for the people and communities deeply affected by these storms.

- **We will stay until the work is done.** One of our strengths as Lutherans is our practice of sustained response after a natural disaster, built on local networks of congregations and social ministries. Central States Synod Bishop Gerald Mansholt compared our work to long-distance running. [ELCA Disaster Response](#) was one of the first to arrive in Missouri and Alabama, and they will be the last to leave. Even as we begin this journey, our work continues on the Gulf Coast and in Haiti.
- **We will witness to our living faith** in Christ Jesus as we join together to do God's work with our hands.

In all these things, I give thanks for each of you. May we be about God's healing and restoration in a time of despair. May we bring God's message of hope in the wake of spring storms.

In God's grace,
Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ELCA joins continuing response in tornado-damaged Springfield area



CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and staff of Lutheran Social

Services of New England have been part of a week-long response to local needs in the Springfield, Mass. area following tornadoes that touched down there June 1.

The storms caused the deaths of four people in West Springfield and Springfield and left considerable property damage in parts of both cities. Among the people most severely affected were several refugee families served by Lutheran Social Services of New England.

"Lutheran Social Services was on the ground right away to help people who were displaced," said the Rev. Margaret S. Payne, bishop of the ELCA New England Synod. Payne visited some of the damaged areas June 8 and met refugees whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the storms. More than a dozen families served by Lutheran Social Services of New England are being housed temporarily in a shelter facility in Springfield, said Heather L. Feltman, chief executive officer and president. Staff and volunteers are working to provide temporary shelter and eventually relocate the families.

Feltman said refugees served by Lutheran Social Services and other refugees are turning up nearly a week after the tornadoes in need of shelter, food and other assistance. Through the generosity of ELCA members, ELCA Disaster Response sent a \$10,000 emergency grant to Lutheran Social Services to help with early response to the storms.

Payne led prayers and Scripture readings with religious and political leaders in a "Service of Prayer, Hope and Healing" June 8 at Christ (Episcopal) Cathedral in Springfield, organized by the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield and the Interfaith Council of Western Massachusetts. Among those participating in the service were Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick and Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno. About 200 people attended, Payne said.

Last weekend, the New England Synod Assembly held its annual assembly in Springfield, beginning less than 48 hours after the tornadoes touched down. Part of the Mass Mutual Center, where assembly was held, was used as a temporary shelter. Assembly participants and visitors spent part of the assembly working in Springfield on a number of community projects that had been planned before the storms. "It was the most energized synod assembly we've ever had," Payne said. "I really feel as though it was a transformative event for the synod. The tornadoes enabled members to bring greater good out of what they thought they could do."

Springfield was "a struggling city" before the storms, Payne said. "That's one of the reasons why we put our synod assembly there and chose to do mission projects," she said.

The ELCA members wore blue T-shirts with the phrase "Doing What Matters" while they worked. "We ended up doing most of the projects we had already planned. The extra things we did were to collect money and food to give to local shelters and food banks," Payne said. Some members packed hygiene kits for displaced refugees, while other helped clear brush and other debris from the storms.

She added that it was also "a gift" that members witnessed first-hand the refugee ministry of Lutheran Social Services of New England.

The summer is upon us and many of us hope to spend some time relaxing on vacation with our loved ones. Since health maintenance and prevention of disease are such important parts of good overall health, I would like to share with you an excerpt of a devotion on rest. It is from God's Words of Life from the Women's Devotional Bible:

"Are you exhausted today? Perhaps what your body is crying for is rest. Is there rest for anyone in our tension-filled world? As the disciples returned from a missionary journey, they were elated with their success... Jesus was glad to hear of their accounts, but he knew they needed physical rest after their arduous journey... We, too, need to refresh ourselves to maintain physical and spiritual strength. Our schedules are demanding. They drain our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual life. God's Holy Spirit gives us strength for his schedule for us... God plans for us to include times of rest and relaxation in our schedule. If the disciples needed rest, so do we." Sunday August 21 will mark our second "Veggie" Sunday. If you are a gardener and always wonder what to do with your surplus vegetables (and fruit too), we encourage you to bring them to church beginning on 8/21. We will have a table setup in the fellowship hall for all donations. Everyone is welcome to bring something and/or take something home. Donations are not required to participate. This health ministry event was very well-received last year so we are extending the time frame into the next month. So...if you are not around on 8/21, you can bring in your extra produce on any of the following Sundays, into early September. So long as there is interest and vegetables coming in at the end of the summer season, we will keep the table up for a few weeks and you can help yourselves. Come with a tomato, leave with a zucchini. Stop and Shop has nothing on us! We will have a few other freebie giveaways too so please come and check it out!

The next blood pressure screening will be held on September 18. If you see me at church this summer and would like your BP checked, please don't hesitate to ask. Other dates to keep in mind for the fall include the Crop Walk for hunger on October 16 and a Red Cross blood drive on November 12. More details will be available in the September messenger. Have a great (and healthy) summer!

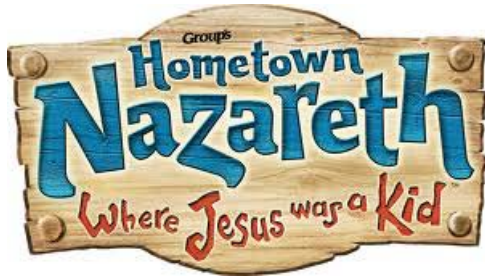


Nurses Notes

"He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake" Psalm 23

2011 Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Evangelical Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Saint Luke's Roman Catholic Church



Hometown Nazareth

Where Jesus Grew Up

August 15 through August 19, 2011

At **Hometown Nazareth VBS**, children will get to meet Mary and hear her stories of Jesus' boyhood. As they hear Mary tell about how she knew that Jesus was God's Son, they'll explore how they can stand up for their faith in everyday life. Incredible things will happen as each day's Bible point is integrated into each activity:

- ❖ Jesus had a family ... we do too
- ❖ Jesus had a name ... we do too
- ❖ Jesus had a home ... we do too
- ❖ Jesus went to church ... we do too
- ❖ Jesus served others ... we do too

Participants will start each morning with an Opening Celebration and then travel back to Nazareth as a member of one of the 12 tribes of Israel. They will have small-group time in their Hometown Huddles, visit with Mary, participate in Fun & Games, learn new songs, and have snacks at the Marketplace where they will also visit the various shops to make interesting crafts.

LOCATIONS:

9:00am - 12:00 St. Luke's Church (1st - 6th Grade)
9:15am - 11:45 Evangelical Congregational Church (Age 3 - Kindergarten)

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:



VBS at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Attn: Suzanne Gillam
183 West Main Street
Westborough, MA 01581

Before July 11, 2011 Late Registration

\$25/child \$30/child
\$50 max. per family No Family Max



No charge for children of full-time volunteers No registrations accepted after August 5th
Since materials must be ordered by 8/5, NO WALK-INS can be accepted.

Make Checks Payable to "Ecumenical VBS"

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of students will be limited in order to be able to plan crafts and snacks accurately and obtain an appropriate number of counselors to allow a safe and fun experience for everyone.

QUESTIONS? Suzanne Gillam (508) 366-7095 x7 VBSwestboro@aol.com

PLEASE NOTE TIMES AND LOCATIONS - NO FURTHER CONFIRMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

2011 Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

Volunteer Registration

It takes 1 volunteer for every 3 registered children to make VBS happen. Is there an area in which you can help? **Teenagers make energetic and enthusiastic volunteers and are most welcome.**

Volunteer: _____

Phone: _____

On-Site (week of VBS) Roles	Off-site Roles
Days Available: M T W Th F All Week Not Sure Volunteer Age: Adult High School Middle School Site Preference: ECC St. Luke's No Preference <small>(PreK - K) (1st - 6th)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Assembly Leaders – lead openings <input type="checkbox"/> Site Leaders – drama crafts games music <small>missions C.I.T.'s</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Group Leaders – lead small group of children through each day <input type="checkbox"/> Group Assistants – co-lead small group of children through each day <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Leaders – cook, waiter/waitress <input type="checkbox"/> Aides – assist site leaders (circle choices above at Site Leaders) <input type="checkbox"/> Registration – cover daily arrivals and departures <input type="checkbox"/> Nurses – handle any medical concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Leaders – provide Nursery care for children of staff <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference - Call Me	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorators <input type="checkbox"/> Set-Up on Sunday <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Program Set-Up <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-Up on Friday <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference / Call Me

Student Registration

Child's Name	Grade Fall 2011	Age as of Aug 15, 2011	Gender circle	Allergies, Special Needs
			M F	
			M F	
			M F	
			M F	
Parent's Name				
Address				
Phones	(home)		(work)	
	(cell)			
Church Affiliation				
Secondary Emergency Contact	Name		Phone	
Physician or Preferred Medical Clinic	Name		Phone	

A **C.I.T. program** (counselor-in-training) is available for **5th & 6th graders**. If you are registering a 5th or 6th grader, please check here to indicate your child's interest in being included as a **C.I.T.**: **yes** **no**

I give permission for my child to attend Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible School and participate in all activities. the use of photographs taken of my child for the purpose of promoting Westborough Ecumenical Vacation Bible.

I authorize

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____



Happy Birthday to All of Our Friends Born in JULY

1 st	Diane Thombs	16 th	Stephen Miller
2 nd	Bert Barton	17 th	Jeanne Sciba Kenneth Soderlund Eleanor Thomas
4 th	Paul Allison Celeste Rich	19 th	Nicholas Hollis
6 th	Bruce George Nancy Matson Shannon May Alison Walsh	20 th	Andrew Hoyt Celia Walker
7 th	Camille Bianchi Julia DeMattia Darlene Zuehl	21 st	Michael Ribaudo
8 th	Erica St. Jean	22 nd	Susan Evans David Schwingbeck
9 th	Joel Soukup	24 th	James Kinderman
10 th	Donna Gully-Brown	25 th	Ryan Hagenbuch Juliet Porter
12 th	Julie Billmaier Robert DeMattia Christiane Merrow	26 th	Taylor Cronin
13 th	Brielynn Neumann	28 th	Ricardo Ricci
14 th	Jonathan Kimball Michelle Pavlis	29 th	Valerie Morkert
	30 th	Thomas Durant	

Happy Birthday to All of Our Friends Born in AUGUST



2 nd	Suzanne Gillam Julia Sulmasy	19 th	H. Heusmann
4 th	Michelle Grim Elaine Martin Lucy Walz	22 nd	Thomas Diebold
5 th	Maddox Neddo	23 rd	Elsie Ribauda
7 th	Ella Delyanis Christopher Todd	24 th	Beckley Miller James Scanlon Laurie Stuehmer Deborah Toczowski Rebecca Walsh
10 th	Emily Changaris	25 th	AJ Martin Victoria Wittman
12 th	Ed. Pavlis, Jr.	26 th	Dawn Von Der Vellen
14 th	Grace Taylor	27 th	Julian Bianchi
15 th	Ryan Bowman Tom Olson Tammy Ribauda Sylvia Scanlon Bob Sciba	28 th	Rachel Calder Keck Soderlund
16 th	Keith Peterson	29 th	Karen Peterson Paul Steckley
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